Privatisation of D.T.C. services

959. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are satisfied with the privatisation of D.T.C. services and the present work culture of private buses; and

(b) if so, in what respect the DTC personnel are lagging behind their counterparts in private buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) There is no privatisation of buses of DTC. Private buses have been operating under an arrangement with DTC for many years. No comparative study of the performancce of DTC personnel and of their counter-parts in private buses has been made.

Attracting the tourists from third world countries

960. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government for promot ng tourism by attracting tourists from third world countries;

(b) whether there are any concessions and incentives to visit tourist spots in the country given to tourists from third world countries; and

(c) whether there are sufficient number of information centres regarding our tourist attractions in the third world countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (c) The Central Government is operating tourist promotional and information offices at Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai and Bahrain. Latin American countries are covered by our office in New York.

The Marketing and Promotion during the last two years was geared towards promoting India not only as a cultural holiday destination but also offering varied other interests such as Trekking, Beach, Tourism, Mountaineering, River Rafting, Skiing, Convention Tourism etc.

Besides major campaigns on Television and the print media promotional activities in the third world countries include participation in trade fairs; organising seminars and India Evenings; extending advertising and brochure support to tour operators, travel agents, Airlines and all other organisations interested in promoting India; production of tourist material in local languages.

(b) No. Sir. No special incentives are give n to tourists from Third World countries to visit tourist spots in India. However, a number of fiscal incentives are given to travel agents, tour operators and hoteliers to enable them to meet the requirements of tourists.

National perspective plan for women

961. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of members of the organisations which were associated with the preparation of National Perspective Plan for Women; and

(b) what are the major thrusts of the Perspective Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGRET